

January 15, 2014

MEMO

To: California Fish and Game Commission

From: Larry Parsons

Subject: Proposed changes regarding predator management (coyotes)

Gentlemen,

The proposed changes as submitted by the HSUS to not merit consideration much less change.

There is NO scientific evidence for changing the predator management of this animal.

On the contrary the very source of these proposed changes is why the changes should be disregarded.

The HSUS is the most ANTI HUNTING organization in the United States. Their own president is on record as wanting to stop ALL hunting.

"HSUS President Pacell has stated, "If we could shut down all sport hunting in a moment, we would,"

When you look at their own web site they talk about living in harmony with the coyote.

Nothing could be further from the truth for this predator. How does a predator live? By hunting other animals like rabbits, birds and yes deer. I have seen video of two coyotes killing an adult deer.

But they mostly go after fawns.

Wildlife biologists with the University of Georgia did a study of fawn mortality rates before and after controlled management of coyotes. They measured fawn populations before and after coyote management.

Before coyote management then saw a 33% change from September to the following February.

After coyote management they saw a 193% increase in the fawn population for the same period of time.

The coyote not only hunts the fawn but puts stress on the doe resulting in lower deer populations.

We need hunting and trapping seasons and resources to help balance the predator prey population.

This is a dynamic relationship not static.

When predators are managed, there will be more deer. Increased deer population means more deer hunters. That leads to more revenue for the Fish and Game commission. Hunters benefit and the department has the revenues it needs to operate.

Hunters like myself enjoy fair chase and harvesting free range organic animals are the true conservationists. We don't need another change from the HSUS. Please disregard this request.

Kindest Regards,

Larry Parsons

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